

Thank you for contacting me about receiving a nomination to a Service Academy. Each Academy has a long tradition of rich service to the defense of our nation, and I am proud to be able to participate in the process of candidate selection.

Admission to one of our nation's military academies, the [U.S. Naval Academy](#), the [U.S. Military Academy](#)

, the

[U.S. Air Force Academy](#)

, or the

[U.S. Merchant Marine Academy](#)

is highly competitive and individuals nominated from the 28th

Congressional District must meet the high standards set by the academy. While it is a difficult process, the rewards for those individuals that qualify are great.

Each candidate will meet with my Academy Selection Committee members. The committee will conduct personal interviews with applicants in my district office in Rochester in December. Information on the exact time is provided in November.

The method for selecting nominees we will use is competitive. With this method, I can submit up to ten nominees for each vacancy. The candidates are then ranked by each academy's admissions office in order of merit in accordance with the specific academy's system. The most highly qualified candidate is then selected for an offer of admission (an appointment) to fill the vacancy.

Nomination Procedure:

To begin your academy nomination application file, please complete the application form and return it to our Rochester office. In order to complete your file in time for consideration, you will need to submit the following items by October 19.

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- Copy of your high school grade transcript, including the first term of grade 12, when available
- List of extra-curricular activities; employment
- Copy of your SAT and/or ACT score reports. These scores must be in your file in order for you to be considered for a nomination.

- Two letters of recommendation. One of these must be from a principal, dean or teacher or guidance counselor at your high school or college.

After personal interviews, all applicants will receive notification of whether they have been selected for a nomination no later than January 31. Nominees will learn directly from the academies if they have been awarded appointments.

Please keep this sheet for your files and check off each item as it is submitted to my Rochester office. Should you at some time decide not to pursue your request for nomination, please let me know so that I may close your file. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Rodgers at 585-232-4850 or by e-mail at jeffrey.rodgers@mail.house.gov.

I encourage you to send any information that will help me and the selection committee to know about your qualifications, including your extra-curricular activities and your accomplishments. I wish you the best of luck.